

Hosken, Ernest D

Jan. 1916

Belgium (418)
January 3rd

Mr. R.A. Falconer
President, University of Toronto

Dear Sir:

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I am writing to ask you for a favor. I am a former student of Varsity - Classics, b.c. '15 - age 26 and am at present with the 19th Battalion in Belgium. I desire to get a commission in either a Canadian or an English regiment and the prospects of getting it are, I believe, fairly good so far as consent from the O.C. of the Battalion is concerned. But I must be recommended to the Minister of Militia in Canada.

Up to the time I left the University to join the 19th I belonged to the Officers' Training Corps. That was the sum total of my military training up to that time, and the O.T.C. exams I never tried. Since then, however,

I have had a year's experience in the army as a private soldier and 3 months of that time I have spent in the trenches.

Such are my qualifications. If you think they are sufficient I should be very grateful to you if you would recommend me to the Minister of Militia in Canada.

Trusting that I do not impose upon your time and that you will give this matter your earliest consideration
I am

Yours faithfully
Ernest Hosken

Address.

L. Corp. E. D. Hosken

Grenade Section

19th Battalion, 4th Brigade

2nd C. E. F.

Army Post Office

London

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January 20th, 1916.

From

President Falconer

University of Toronto

To

The Hon. the Minister of Militia

Department of Militia & Defence

Ottawa Ont.

Sir:

Lance Corporal E. D. Hosken, Grenade Section, 19th Battalion, 4th Brigade, 2nd C. E. F., has written asking me to give him a recommendation as to his character and work, which he desires to use in making application for a commission. I am glad to say that Mr Hosken was an excellent student in the University, from which he graduated in 1915. He has been spoken of to me by his professors in terms of highest appreciation. I am sure that by character and training he is a gentlemen who would be worthy of a commission in His Majesty's Army.

Mr Hosken is at the present time with the 19th Battalion in Belgium, and has had a year's experience as a private soldier, three months of which time he has spent in the trenches.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant

President.

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Dear Mr Hosken:

I am glad to be able to send, in accordance with your request, a recommendation to the Minister of Militia, on which I hope he will act, and give you the commission you require.

I am always pleased to hear from our students who are in the trenches. They are doing a great work. We are now preparing many more men to go, and I hope that you will all come back to us, safe and sound, before the end of this year with a victorious issue.

With kind regards, I am

Yours sincerely,

President.

